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The Award of Excellence of the United Nations Society of Writers to MICHIO KUSHI at the Rafael Salas Memorial Conference Room at the United Nations on September 20, 1994.

"It is a great honour for us, indeed, to present this award to the man who changed our lives and the lives of millions all over the world. Michio Kushi, the father of modern Macrobiotics, a prophet, a man of vision, of compassion and dedication to the ideals of the United Nations. He is also a great writer, a great writer of substance, as well as of literary excellence. What makes Dr. Kushi's role unique, however, is his call for a fundamental change of the patterns of consumption of mankind, without which sustainable development cannot be achieved.

The Award of Excellence of the United Nations Society of Writers has been given to great leaders before, such as Former Soviet President M S Gorbachev, the former President of Costa Rica Oscar Arias (both winners of the Nobel Peace Prize), the current President of Portugal Mario Soares, and great writers such as Norman Mailer and Arthur Miller. They all stand for enlightenment, peace and brotherhood. They all stand out as examples of excellence. When I present you now with this award, dear and respected Michio Kushi, you will enter good company. We are proud of you. We admire you and we love you."

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely.

Hans Janitschek